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SUBJ: SUDAN IRON ORE MINING: ADVANCE NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT
TENDER FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

1. OFFICIAL IN MIN OF NATIONAL PLANNING HAS GIVEN EMBASSY ADVANCE NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING TENDER FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY ON EXPLOITATION OF SUDANESE IRON ORE DEPOSITS. SURVEY WORK INDICATES SIX EXPLOITABLE DEPOSITS, ONE IN RED SEA PROVINCE (13 MILLION TONS, GOOD QUALITY), ONE IN SOUTH KORDOFAN PROVINCE (12-25 MILLION TONS), AND FOUR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER IN KASSALA PROVINCE (50-60 MILLION TONS, HIGH QUALITY).
2. IRON ORE WOULD INITIALLY BE MINED FOR EXPORT ONLY, BUT PROSPECTS FOR DOMESTIC PROCESSING AT A LATER DATE WILL ALSO BE EXAMINED IN FEASIBILITY WORK. MULTINATIONAL FINANCING FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY IS ASSURED.
3. FOR USDOC: NO AMERICAN FIRMS ARE NOW LISTED ON MIN OF NATIONAL PLANNING PRE-QUALIFICATION LIST FOR MINING SECTOR. IF YOU CAN PROVIDE ON PRIORITY BASIS NAMES OF U.S. FIRMS WITH INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (PREFERABLY IN MIDDLE EAST) IN IRON ORE/MINING WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PROJECT, CONTACT IN PROJECT PREPARATION UNIT OF MINISTRY OF NATIONAL PLANNING CAN ADD THESE FIRMS TO PRE-QUALIFICATION

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4. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL WESTERN EUROPEAN FIRMS ON PRE-QUALIFICATION LIST, IT IS NOT CLEAR IF ANY WILL BID. THE U.S. IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN IRON ORE SECTOR AND PROSPECTS FOR CONSULTANCY CONTRACT WOULD SEEM PROMISING.

5. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT TENDER NOTICE PER FAM 162 WHEN
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